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TAGS: CGEN (VREES, PETER) (VROMOVREESIOTIS, PETER)

SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: COMMONWEALTH OF

MASSACHUSETTS V. MAURICE RHEAULT

1. ABOVE CASE WAS CALLED FOR TRIAL AT A TIME WHEN KEY WITNESS, PETER VREES (ORIGINALLY VROMOVREESIOTIS) WAS OUT OF COUNTRY, VISITING HIS FATHER. VREES'S TESTIMONY IS CRUCIAL TO CASE, BUT HE IS NOT SCHEDULED TO RETURN BEFORE END OF TRIAL. PROSECUTOR HAS THEREFORE ASKED DEPT FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING VREES AND REQUESTING HIM, ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, TO RETURN TO U.S. TO TESTIFY. D.A. HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO PREPAY A ROUND TRIP TICKET FOR VREES, AND WILL PAY FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES BETWEEN TERMINALS.

2. VREES'S FATHER, GEORGOS VROMOVREESITIS, IS BELIEVED TO RESIDE AT KVTAUSI, NOGANICEO (SPARTHA), GREECE; HOWEVER, DEPT UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY TOWN OR DISTRICT BY THAT NAME IN ATLAS. DEPT HAS ASKED MASS. D.A. TO RECHECK NAME OF TOWN, BUT IS PASSING PRESENT MESSAGE TO EMBASSY BECAUSE UNCLASSIFIED

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THERE IS A CHANCE THAT VREES MAY HAVE RECEIVED MESSAGE LEFT BY DA AT VILLAGE IN WHICH VREES'S FATHER RESIDES TELLING VREES TO CALL EMBASSY.

3. DEPT WILL PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH FURTHER INFO ON NAME OF VILLAGE WHERE VREES IS VISITING, AND ALSO NAME OF AIRLINE WHICH WILL HANDLE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. IN MEANTIME, IF EMBASSY IS ABLE TO CONTACT VREES, OR IF HE CONTACTS

EMBASSY, PLEASE INFORM HIM THAT ABOVE TRIAL STARTED
7/6 AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS
TO HAVE VREES RETURN TO U.S. TO TESTIFY BEFORE END OF
NEXT WEEK (I.E. BY 7/15). ADVISE DEPT.

4. GIVEN SHORTNESS OF DEADLINE, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP
EMBASSY CAN GIVE IN THIS CASE. VANCE

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